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1. OUR MAIN CONCERN HAS BEEN TO AVOID HAVING FINAL DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES REFLECT DISAGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD THEN BECOME INVITATION TO OPEN DEBATE IN VANCOUVER ON ISSUES ESSENTIALLY EXTRANEOUS TO THE AGENDA. THAT REMAINS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE. ON THE WHOLE, COMPROMISE LANGUAGE

SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT IS ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE POINT IN SECTION II PARA 5 WHICH MUST BE MODIFIED FOR TEXT TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW COMPONENT OF SECTION II PARA 5 IS THAT IT IS OBLIGATORY AND NOT PERMISSIVE. CONSEQUENTLY WE DO NOT REGARD "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT" PHRASE AS SATISFACTORY AND PROPOSE THAT IT BE REPLACED BY "SUBJECT TO".

2. USUN SHOULD IMPRESS ON SECRETARIAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS POINT AND SHOULD STRONGLY E; DEAVOR TO OBTAIN MODIFICATION AT THIS STAGE OF DELI0ERATIONS. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE SUCH MODIFICATION MAY NOT BE NEGOTIABLE AT THIS STAGE, AND WE DO NOT WANT DRAFT DOCUMENT TO GO OUT WITH BRACKETED LANGUAGE. THEREFORE, IF IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO

OBTAIN CHANGE WE WANT, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO SECRETARIAT THAT WE WOULD PLAN ON EXPRESSING OUR OPPOSITION TO SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE AT VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ITSELF.

3. RE SECTION II PARA 8, WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO DELETE OPENING PHRASE IN SECOND SENTENCE, "THE ACTION TO ACHIEVE THIS SHOULD", AND TO MERGE FIRST AND REMAINING PART OF SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THERE SHOULD BE A MORE BALANCED AND EQUITABLE STRUCTURE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, ETC.". INGERSOLL

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